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ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
(condensed) for the year ended 31st December 1939.

Section A.

BIRTHS. 52 births were notified, viz 24 M & 28 F (one illegitimate).
The uncorrected birth rate is therefore 12.7 per 1000.

DEATHS. The total number of deaths recorded was 60, viz 42 in the District and 18 outside it.
This gives a crude death rate of 14.6 per 1000.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. The following have been notified :-

PNEUMONIA.....	3.	
SCARLET FEVER.	2.	(both removed to Hospital).
PUERPERAL PYREXIA.	1.	(treated in Hospital).
PULMONARY TUBERCLE.	4.	(2 being transfers).
NON-PULMONARY.	2.	
Total	12.	

Several cases of Impetigo Contagiosa, Scabies and Lice were imported with the evacuated children.
This entailed the establishment of a treatment centre as obviously these children could not be allowed to sit in the different Doctor's waiting rooms and infect clean children. The Revd Canon South Phillips kindly placed the Eynesbury Church Room at my disposal and Miss Sibley S.R.N dealt with the situation in a most admirable manner - thanks to her care only a few residents became infected.
Otherwise the district has been remarkably free from infection.

Section B. No change.

Section D. Housing. The usual number of inspections have been made. Owing to the War it has been necessary to be more lenient about repairs etc.

Section E. All cattle both from the Urban and Rural Districts are now slaughtered at Eynesbury. Strict supervision is daily carried out by the Meat Inspector Mr J Bishop Young, F.R.C.V.S who also keeps an eye on the now unused slaughter houses.

Section F. No unusual increase of infectious disease has occurred in spite of the influx of evacuated persons.
In December I immunised 314 resident children against Diphtheria and during January (1940) 52 evacuated children. This means that more than 60 % of the resident children under ten years of age are immunised.
I used Burroughs & Wellcome's Diphtheria Prophylactic A.P.T. In no case was there any undue reaction or " Malaise ". The total cost was approximately one shilling and eightpence for each child.

LABORATORY SERVICE. The Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge has been a great assistance to me.

(Signed) E.J.Cross.
M.O.H.

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BIRTHS. 60 births were notified, viz 29 Male (one illegitimate) and 31 female.
The uncorrected birth rate is therefore 12.7 per 1000, this is the same as last year. For England & Wales 14.6

DEATHS. The total number of deaths recorded was 80.

viz. Tuberculosis Respiratory	3
" Non-Respiratory ..	2
Influenza	2
Cancer	9
Diabetes	1
Intra cranial Vasc.Lesions ..	5
Heart Disease	18
Other dis. of circ. system ..	4
Bronchitis	10
Pneumonia	4
Other resp. dis.	3
Digestive diseases	2
Nephritis	1
Congenital	1
Suicide	1
Road Traffic Accident	1
Other violence	2
Other causes	11
Total	80

The uncorrected death rate is therefore 17 per 1000.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. The following have been notified :-

Scarlet Fever	9
Whooping Cough	47
Measles	33
Pneumonia	4
Erysipelas	2
Total	95

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. During the year I immunised 366 children in the schools. Children under school age are immunised at the Infant Welfare Clinic by the County Council Authority. I estimate that about 75% of the children in the Urban District are now immunised against Diphtheria.

TYPHOID IMMUNISATION.- No children or other persons have taken advantage of the opportunity to be immunised against Typhoid.

LABORATORY SERVICE. The Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge has proved a great boon.

MEAT INSPECTION. The Inspector Mr. Bishop Young F.R.C.V.S. is carrying on most useful work. He reports on the 31.3.40 :-
"I beg to report that since January 15th the day the Government took over the slaughter of animals for food and food control, daily inspections have been made of the carcases etc. slaughtered at the Eynesbury Depot controlled by the Ministry of Food, also frozen and imported meat and the animals sent in with a certificate for emergency slaughter.
All condemned meat (carcases, organs, pieces etc) is taken over by the Manager who receives the condemned note, he then instructs the Government Contractor to remove it for destruction.
The work at this depot is well done by a staff of six capable slaughtermen supervised by the manager. The Government supply a checkweighman, clerk and wholesale representative.
The Depot is suitable for the work, which increases daily.
Much slaughtering is done beyond the requirements of St.Neots Urban or Rural butchers. The surplus goes to other centres, or into the wholesale trade or meat factories.
The slaughter houses in the town are visited from time to time, I have detected no evidence of illicit slaughtering.
My grateful thanks to Mr.Phillips for his willing and practical assistance during my illness."
The total number of animals slaughtered during the year was 9786.
The amount of meat condemned varies from 210 lbs. to 2799 lbs. in one month.

Signed E.J.CROSS
M.O.H.

1st August 1941.

ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SAINT NEOTS,

HUNTS.

14th June, 1943.

Annual Report for Year Ending
31st December 1942 (Condensed)

STATISTICS - 83 live births were recorded, viz.
37 male (3 illegal) 46 female
(4 illegal) Stillbirths 4 (1 illegal)

POPULATION - 5278. BIRTH RATE - 15.7.
61 deaths were registered (3 under
1 year of age)
DEATH RATE - 11.5.

CAUSES OF DEATH -

	M.	F.
Respiratory Tubercle	3	1
Other Tubercle	1	1
Cancer	7	3
Diabetes	1	1
Intra cranial vascular lesion	4	1
Heart Disease	5	10
Bronchitis	3	2
Congenital	-	1
Suicide	2	-
Road Traffic	1	-
Other violence	2	1
Other causes	4	3
TOTAL ...	33	28

INFECTIOUS DISEASES -

	Cases Notified.
Scarlet Fever	8
Whooping cough	4
Diphtheria	1
Erysipelas	1
Measles	1
Pneumonia	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Varicella	1
Pulmonary Tubercle	12
Non-Pulmonary Tubercle	3
TOTAL ...	33

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.- During the half year ending 31st December 1942, 61 children under 5 years of age and 10 aged between 5 and 15 received two injections of A.P.T. I believe that more than 80% of the children are now immunized.

SCABIES AND IMPETIGO - A few cases occasionally occur but not nearly as many as last year. In my opinion some of the scabies cases are aggravated by the too liberal use of sulphur ointment which the parents buy from the chemists and set up a sulphur dermatitis.

VENEREAL DISEASE - Owing to the courtesy of my medical colleagues I am able to state that on 6.6.1943 they were only aware of five cases in the St. Neots Urban and Rural Districts.

WATER SUPPLY - Frequent bacteriological examinations have been made. These have all been very satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY - This is not as good as I could wish. Insufficient attention is paid to the cleansing of churns and bottles. The M.&.T. Order 1926, Para.28 does not appear to be observed. I am hoping that the MILK & DAIRIES, Provisional Regulations dated 21st May 1943 will be strictly enforced.

A sample of milk (Pasteurized) which I took to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory (Lab.Ref. No. S.740) decolourized Methlene Blue in less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. B.COLI were present in 3 out of 3 tubes inoculated with 1/100 ml.

Another sample (Lab.Ref.No. Q.755) decolourized Methlene Blue in less than 4 hours. B.COLI present in 3 out of 3 tubes.

Another sample (Lab.Ref.No. S.742) Methlene Blue decolourized at the end of 3 hours. B.COLI present in 3 out of 3 tubes.

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ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

17th May 1944.

Annual Report for Year ending
31st December 1943. (Condensed)

Statistics:- 98 live births were recorded, viz.
43 male (3 illeg.) and 53 female (4 illeg.)
7 stillbirths were also recorded (1 illeg.)
Population:- Given as 4948. Local birth rate:- 19.8.

Deaths:- 72 were registered. Local death rate:- 14.5.

Causes of death:-	Male	Female
Whooping cough	-	2
Respiratory tubercle.....	-	2
Influenza	3	3
Cancer	3	6
Intra cranial lesions ...	4	4
Heart disease	3	6
Bronchitis	1	1
Pneumonia	4	3
Other respiratory	2	4
Duodenal ulcer	1	-
Other digestive	4	-
Nephritis	-	1
Premature birth	3	1
Congenital	-	1
Suicide	1	-
Other violence	1	-
Other causes	2	6
Total	32	40

Infectious disease:-	Cases notified
Scarlet fever	3
Whooping cough	26
Erysipelas	1
Measles	66
Pneumonia	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Total	99

Deaths of infants under one year:- 7.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis:-

Number of children immunised -	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.
1st Jany. to 30th June 1943	25	36
1st July to 31st Dec. 1943	26	2
Total	51	38

To the best of my belief more than 80% of the children are now immunised.

NO CASE OF DIPHTHERIA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED DURING YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER.

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Scabies & Impetigo:- I am not aware of any cases in the district at the present time. In my opinion Scabies is best treated at home, because unless every inmate of the house is not carefully examined and efficiently treated children returning from the treatment centre almost always become reinfected.

I would like to express my gratitude to Miss J. Sibley S.R.N. (late Q.A.I.M.N.S.) for her great help in dealing with this troublesome complaint.

Venereal disease:- I am not aware of any cases.

Water Supply:- Owing to the small rainfall this has caused some anxiety. It has been necessary to sink another well to supplement the existing supply. Frequent bacteriological examinations have been made - ALL SATISFACTORY.

Milk Supply:- On the whole this has been satisfactory. Altogether 46 samples have been sent to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination - THIRTY of these were entirely SATISFACTORY, but SIXTEEN were UNSATISFACTORY. SEVEN rinsings from churns or bottles said to have been sterilized were also sent to the Laboratory - ONLY TWO OF THESE were sterile.

Rainfall for Year ending 31st December 1943.

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June	2.97"	December	0.75"

Total ..... 17 25 ins.

CLINICS

Mental Treatment:- The Mental Treatment Specialist may be consulted at the Bedford County Hospital every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. and at The Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey every Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

Tuberculosis:- The Chest Consultant holds clinics at the Out-Patients' Department of the County Hospital, Huntingdon, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month.

Eye Clinics:- The Ophthalmic Surveon attends the Eye Clinic, The Hall, George Street, Huntingdon, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month.

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Ear, Nose and Throat:- The Specialist attends the County Hospital, Huntingdon, on the 2nd Tuesday in the month at 10 a.m.

N.B. Appointments for all these clinics are made through the County Medical Officer.

Venereal disease:- 28 Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough -
Men - Tuesday & Friday 6-8 p.m.
Women - " " " 3.30-6 p.m.
Addenbrooke's Hospital -
Every Tuesday at 3 p.m.
Every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Volunteer Car Pool:- Patients may be conveyed to and from hospital. Urgent medical supplies may be conveyed also medical or surgical personnel.

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